

him to distinctly understand that I raise no point of order against him.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have only to say, in regard to any observation that may be made in connection with this subject, that it must be within the proviso of this amendment. This amendment refers particularly and only to the election in Macdonald, therefore, I think that dealing with anything in Saskatchewan would not be fairly connected with it.

Mr. OLIVER: Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to press the point. I was prepared to deal with a subject involving the connection of this Government with the provincial elections in Saskatchewan. I have no desire to wander from the subject under discussion, and I am quite willing to accept your ruling. I shall probably have another opportunity of bringing the matter to the attention of the House, but I thought perhaps it was just as well to make the comparison now, so that it would be clearer than it might be later on. While I miss the opportunity of further emphasizing the point I desire to make in respect of the unwarranted and improper interference of this Government in the course of justice in the province of Manitoba, and in the actual conduct of provincial elections in the province of Saskatchewan; while I am unable to carry out my arguments as fully as I would wish, I feel that I have already placed before the House enough facts to establish that there has been a gross trespass upon the rights of the citizen—a most villainous denial of the right of free speech in the election in Macdonald, to which my hon. friend's colleagues were directly a party. In as much as he himself and his government secured the benefit of whatever success those efforts achieved, he himself and his government must either fully accept or effectively repudiate responsibility.

Hon. W. T. WHITE moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

THE CANADIAN WEST INDIAN TREATY.

On motion of Mr. Borden for the adjournment of the House,

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: When may we expect to have placed on the Table of the House the publication containing the proceedings of the Canadian West Indian Treaty Conference?

Mr. WHITE (Leeds): It is expected that the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce will return in a few days, and, while I cannot speak for him, I should think that the report would be presented within a reasonable time after his return.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: May I ask my hon. friend when the agreement with the West Indies will be brought down?

Mr. WHITE (Leeds): That is a matter which shall receive our consideration also, and I will advise my right hon. friend tomorrow in regard to the matter.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1912.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Annual Report of the the Department of Agriculture.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

List of Shareholders of the Chartered Banks; Unclaimed Balances; and the Public Accounts for the fiscal year.—Hon. W. T. White.

BANK ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. J. A. M. AIKINS moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to amend the Bank Act.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. AIKINS: Section 88 of the Bank Act authorizes the bank to lend money to a purchaser or shipper of or dealer in agricultural products on the security of those products, no matter what the quantity may be or where stored; but it does not authorize the bank to lend money to the farmer on his threshed grain, no matter how great the quantity or how well stored. The Act also provides that the bank may lend to a manufacturer of goods, wares and merchandise, on the security of the goods, wares and merchandise; but it does not authorize the bank to advance money to the producer of grain, although it is perhaps the best security that can be given, because so readily convertible into money. The Bill is intended to remedy this by providing that the bank may lend to a person engaged in farming upon the security of his threshed grain, an agricultural product.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN: What about live stock?

Mr. AIKINS: A great many people desire that the bank should be authorized also to advance money on live stock. I am in entire sympathy with that, but the urgency is not so great, nor are the reasons so apparent. We all know that the farmer needs money, especially the western farmer, immediately after the thresh-